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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

1. [ ] spent an hour and three-quarters briefing Mr. [ ] and me on reports by Senator Humphrey on his Moscow trip. He also referred to a number of other debriefings such as those of [ ] which he has attended recently on the same subjects. As I believe you also listened to the debriefing I will not comment on the substance.

[ ] was on leave until this week, so we were not able to talk to him until yesterday. He advises me that he has some five or six documents concerning this debriefing and that because of general interest he is trying to collect all the various documents concerning it and to put out one paper covering the whole. He will forward a copy to me. In view of this I did not ask for a special briefing.

2. [ ] was advised by the [ ] desk that they were much pleased with the tutorial recently done by SIC of a special [ ] agent.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. [ ] met with representatives of this office, [ ] of Personnel, [ ] of SR on Monday December 29. Representatives of ORR and OCI had promised to attend but on that day their offices appeared to be closed and they did not show. Professor [ ] was apparently considering the desirability of expanding studies at [ ] to cover language and area of the minorities of the Soviet Union and in particular Central Asian groups. He noted:

a. That language proficiency, even in Russian, was not what it should be in most area study groups.

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b. That there was not sufficient study of the philosophy of the Russians as opposed to the current Soviet-Marxist concepts.

c. That the interrelationships of Russia to the minorities was rarely considered.

He particularly wanted to know what answer would be given by the Agency to the American Council of Learned Societies when that organization approached the Agency to determine the priorities which should be considered in the expanded specialized federal support for educational activities. No one here was able to answer that but Mr. [ ] volunteered to find out what Agency policy might likely be. Although we agreed with Professor [ ] in the need for a few individuals well-educated in the fields suggested by him, we did not believe that it could be said the Agency or the Federal Government considered any of the specialties such as the studies of Uzbek or other Turkic languages as sufficient to set up a specialized program. We noted that our requirements were so limited it would be more natural for us to look for individuals who have specific capabilities or to train individuals with one capability (Russian for example) in another capability more specialized. We also suggested that a combination of Russian and Chinese would probably presently be the most valuable and most sought after than any other general combination of capabilities. Unfortunately Professor [ ] was looking for an expression of Agency policy which does not appear to exist and which we could not answer.

2. Final preparations are being arranged with WH Division of DDP and with [ ] office for several days of tutorial in [ ] for a high-level [ ] If the individual arrives this tutorial will start on January 5th, and will be paid for out of WH funds.

3. Efforts are being made to provide [ ] with full outlines, or in some cases full lecture papers, given to the JOTs in order that the operational training can take advantage of this. These same outlines and papers will also be used for the Training Manual which we hope to make available to [ ] shop in the near future.

#### 4. Tutorial Training:

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